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HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

1. DOGOLOFF TEAM MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF MINISTRY OF HEALTH
AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS IN STOCKHOLM, MAY 24, 1978. SWEDISH PARTI-
CIPANTS WERE: GERHARD LARSSON, UNDER SECRETARY; HAKAN RAHM,
HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT; LARS HULTSTRAND,
ADVISOR; HANS LUNDBORG, SECRETARY; CHRISTER KARLSSON, SECRETARY.

2. NATURE OF SWEDISH PROBLEM: AMPHETAMINE ABUSE HAS LONG BEEN
AN IMPORTANT AND UNIQUELY SWEDISH DRUG PROBLEM. CANNABIS IS
NO LONGER A BIG PROBLEM AMONG THE YOUNG. HASHISH IS EASY TO
GET BUT NOT WIDELY USED. HEROIN ABUSE, MAINLY CONCENTRATED IN
THE STOCKHOLM AND MALMOE AREAS, IS THE GROWING PROBLEM
SINCE 1974-75. LATIN AMERICAN COCAINE PRESENTS NO PROBLEM
AT PRESENT.

3. PROBLEM AREAS: THE DRUGS USED IN SWEDEN TEND TO BE IM-
PORTED FROM THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE COUNTRIES PLUS PAKISTAN
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AND AFGHANISTAN. NORWAY IS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN BURMA,
DENMARK IN AFGHANISTAN, SWEDEN IN AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN.
THERE IS EVIDENCE OF INCREASED DRUG PRODUCTION IN AFGHA-
NISTAN AND PAKISTAN. ALL OF EUROPE AND THE US ARE POTENTIAL MARKETS.
DOGOLOFF STRESSED THE NECESSITY FOR INTERNATIONAL CO-
OPERATION IN DRUG ABUSE CONTROL WORK AND URGED THAT THIS BE
TAKEN UP FOR DISCUSSION DURING THE JULY '78 POMPIDOU GROUP

MEETING TO BE CHAIRED BY THE SWEDISH MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

SWEDEN FEELS IT IS IMPORTANT TO WORK TOGETHER, ABOVE ALL WITH THE OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES AND ALSO WITH THE POMPIDOU GROUP AND THROUGH UNFDAC. THE GOAL IS CROP SUBSTITUTION. THE FARMERS WILL NEED HELP TO MARKET THEIR NEW CROP. SWEDEN GAVE DEVELOPMENTAL AID MAINLY TO PAKISTAN, SOME TO LAOS, AND LITTLE TO AFGHANISTAN. (SWEDEN HAS A POLICY OF CONCENTRATING ITS ERADICATION PROGRAMS IN COUNTRIES WHERE SWEDEN ALSO HAS SUPPORT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.) PROBLEMS NOTED WITH UNFDAC IN LAOS. PAKISTAN PROGRAM NEEDS MORE MONEY. THESE ARE LIKELY SUBJECTS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS AND CO-OPERATION WITHIN POMPIDOU GROUP.

4. UN ROLE. DOGOLOFF EMPHASIZED THE POSSIBILITY OF USING THE UN AS A FORUM FOR SHAMING DRUG PRODUCING COUNTRIES. SWEDEN AGREES THAT IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO PUT POLITICAL PRESSURE ON GOLDEN TRIANGLE COUNTRIES. ANOTHER SUBJECT TO BE BROUGHT UP AT THE POMPIDOU MEETING IS HARMONIZATION IN LEGISLATION. BOTH SETS OF REPRESENTATIVES AGREED THAT THE UN ACCORDS LOW PRIORITY TO DRUG ABUSE CONTROL. SWEDEN WANTS TO SEE MORE RESOURCES COME FROM REGULAR UN BUDGET, WHICH SEVERAL OTHER NATIONS AGREE WITH.

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5. US/SWEDISH CO-OPERATION: BOTH SIDES AGREED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF RESEARCH. SWEDEN WOULD WELCOME AN IMPROVED EXCHANGE WITH THE US. THE AMERICAN DELEGATION ENCOURAGED VISITS BY SWEDISH RESEARCHERS TO THE US, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING DUPLICATION OF EFFORT. THE SWEDISH HEALTH MINISTRY'S NEW 9 POINT PROGRAM IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE AMERICAN EQUIVALENT. ONE MAJOR DIFFERENCE CONCERNS THE TREATMENT METHODS USED IN THE US AND IN SWEDEN, SWEDEN PREFERRING TREATMENT WITHOUT OTHER DRUGS. BOTH COUNTRIES AGREED IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO BRING IN WORKING LEVEL MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO POMPIDOU MEETINGS, STAFF LEVEL MEETINGS BETWEEN MINISTERIAL ONES. KENNEDY-MINOTT

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